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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Alliant Energy Resources, Inc. for Approval to  
Purchase, Own, and Operate the Existing 309 MW Natural Gas-Fired  
Merchant Power Plant Located in Neenah, Wisconsin

9349-EB-100

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION**

Comments Due:  
**Friday, October 4, 2002 – Noon**

FAX Due:  
**Thursday, October 3, 2002 – Noon**

Address Comments To:  
Robert Norcross, Administrator  
Electric Division  
Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53707-7854  
FAX (608) 266-3957

**THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION** to consider the August 8, 2002, application of Alliant Energy Resources, Inc. (AER), an affiliate of Wisconsin Power & Light Company (WP&L), for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.491 to acquire from Mirant Wisconsin Investments, Inc., the existing Mirant Neenah power plant. Mirant Neenah is a 309 megawatt natural gas-fired simple cycle combustion turbine peak load generating facility located in Neenah, Wisconsin. The Commission authorized construction of the plant by Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in February 1999 in docket 9338-CE-100, and the plant was placed into commercial operation in May 2000.

WP&L, an investor-owned electric, natural gas, and water public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), provides electric and natural gas service in southern and south central Wisconsin and water service to the cities of Beloit and Ripon. Both AER and WP&L are subsidiaries of Alliant Energy Corporation (AEC).

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Any interested person may file a written request for a hearing under Wis. Stat. § 227.42(1) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 100.14(2)(a) no later than 10 days from the date of this notice. Any person requesting intervention in this docket shall file a request under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21(2) no later than 10 days from the date of this notice. The request shall

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be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The Commission requests comments on the above issues. Any party who desires to file comments should submit an original and 15 copies as indicated in the box on page 1. Members of the public need only file an original. These comments must be received by noon on Friday, October 4, 2002. Comments by fax are due one day earlier. Fax filing cover sheets must state "Official Filing" and include the docket number and the number of pages (limit of 20 pages). File by one mode only.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Jim Lepinski at (608) 266-0478.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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